

STATE STREET DRUG CREATIONS BY TISH

Construction: 1926

address: 127 East State

Current tenant: Creations by Tish

In 1921 Stanley Taylor, having completed a pharmacy correspondence course, passed the state exams and was taken into partnership with his brother Gerald and John R. Bradshaw. They were proprietors of the Lehi Drug Company. On 12 May 1926, the company purchased property from the People's Co-op, immediately east of the Royal Theatre. Next, they constructed State Street Drug, which Stan Taylor managed.

As part of their agreement with the Lehi Drug Company, the Co-op agreed to discontinue selling patent medicines, package drugs, cameras, toilet articles, stationery (except school supplies), Christmas cards, ice cream cones, bottled drinks, and bulk candies.

Both the uptown and downtown Lehi Drug Company stores had up-to-date soda fountains, a fine line of sundries which included R.C.A. radios, and sporting goods. Their pharmacy was stocked with Rexall products--then the world's largest distributors of drugs. State Street Drug also had a lunch counter and was the Lehi station for both Greyhound and Continental Trailways buses.

In 1927 or 1928 the Taylors bought out Bradshaw. They continued to operate the two stores jointly until 1950. At that time Stan assumed sole ownership of State Street Drug, and Gerald became proprietor of the Lehi Drug Store. Both stores were located next door to movie theaters. Uptown boasted the Royal theatre while downtown claimed the Utah Theatre. Though adults patronized the drugstores for more grown up reasons, we young ones had our own interests: rows and rows of penny candy, Sen-Sens, Jawbreakers, ice cream cones that were truly cone-shaped (like an inverted dunce cap), tops, baseball cards, yo-yos, tonettes, miniature army men, and paper-rolled bubble-gum cigarettes

(that were not against the word of Wisdom). In those days, when traveling to Salt Lake was considered a luxury, Lehi fads emanated largely from the drugstores.

In January of 1959, after forty-one years of proprietorship with the Lehi Drug Store, Gerald Taylor retired and sold the business to Able J. Ekins, his son-in-law. Two years later Stan Taylor closed State Street Drug and became the manager of Hawks Drug Company (later Salt Lake Drug Company) in Salt Lake City.

For many years the State Street Drug Store was vacant. Subsequently, it housed Larsen's Floor Coverings, a carpet and tile warehouse. At the present time the place is *Tish's creations*, a shop that specializes in customized quilt designs and other craft items. The place is owned by Patricia Lewis.